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PODUNK POWDERPUFF RALLY
WE'RE HERE TODAY AT PODUNK'S ANNUAL POWDER PUFF RALLY, WHERE THE WINNER ISN'T NECESSARILY THE FASTEST RACER, BUT THE DRIVER WHO BEST COMPLETES THE WACKY RALLY COURSE!
SAY, WHAT'S THIS?
AREN'T YOU FINISHED YET, MUTTLEY?
OH, NO! IT'S THE DIRTY-DEALING DICK DASTARDLY AND HIS SIDEKICK, MUTTLEY. WHAT'S THAT TROUBLESOME TWOSOME DOING HERE? DON'T THEY KNOW THAT THIS RACE IS JUST FOR GIRLS?
HOME SWEET HOME

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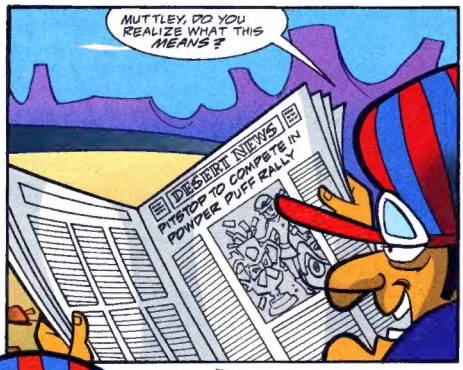
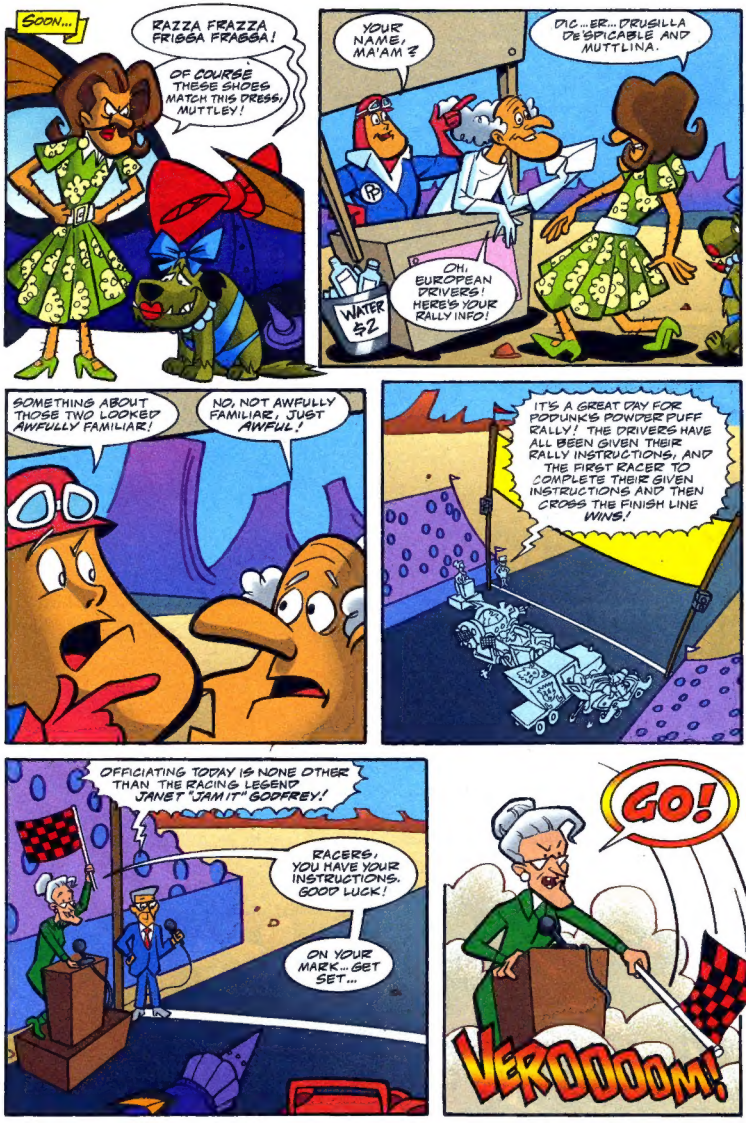
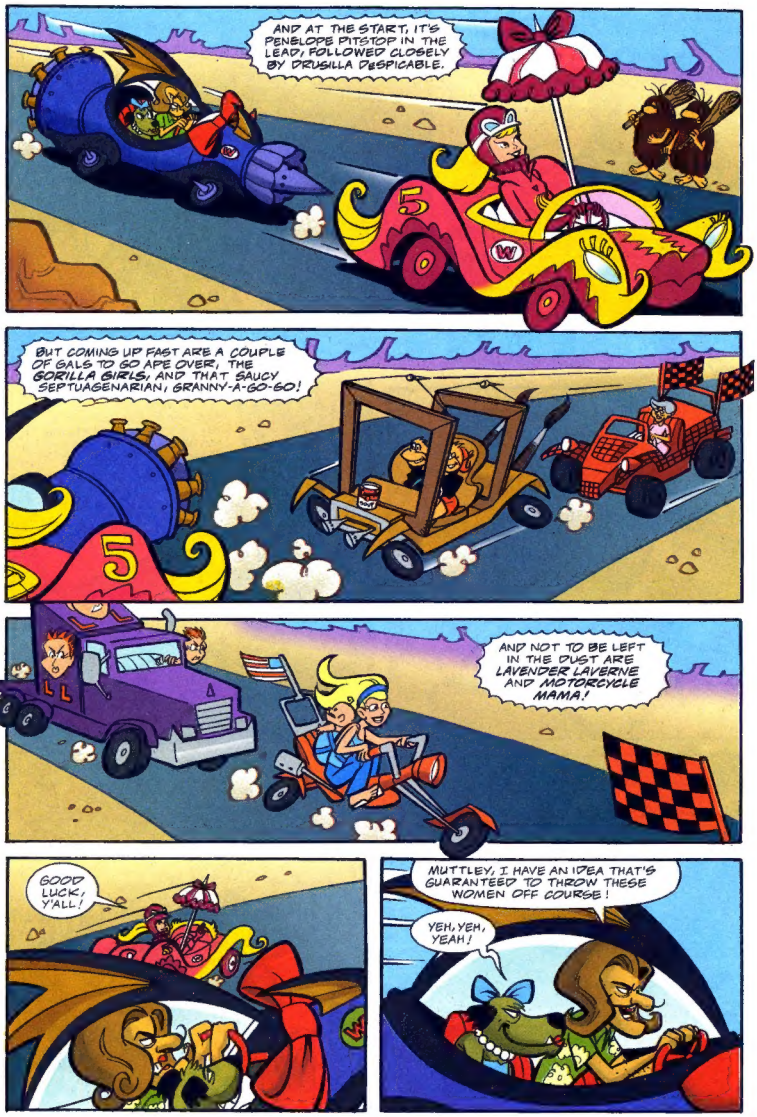

MUTTLEY, DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS?
DESERT NEWS
PITSTOP TO COMPETE IN POWDER PUFF RALLY

IT'S A POWDER PUFF RALLY! IT'S A BUNCH OF GIRLS! WE CAN EASILY BEAT A BUNCH OF GIRLS!
WAP!

WE WON'T EVEN NEED ANY DIRTY TRICKS! ALL WE NEED IS--
CAREFUL SAFETY FIRST!

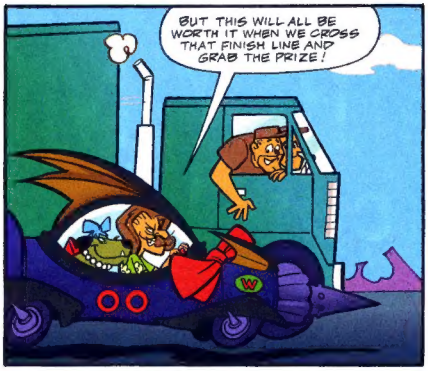
--THIS! WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
RAZZA SNAZZA WHA?

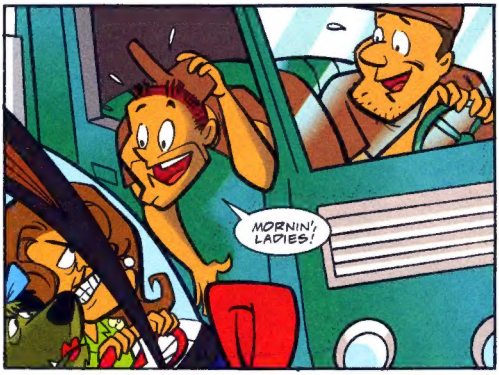

SOON...
RAZZA FRAZZA FRIGGA FRABBA!
OF COURSE THESE SHOES MATCH THIS DRESS, MUTTLEY!
YOUR NAME, MA'AM?
DIC...ER... DRUSILLA DESPICABLE AND MUTTLINA.
OH, EUROPEAN DRIVERS! HERE'S YOUR RALLY INFO!
WATER $2
SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE TWO LOOKED AWFULLY FAMILIAR!
NO, NOT AWFULLY FAMILIAR, JUST AWFUL!
IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR PODUNK'S POWDER PUFF RALLY! THE DRIVERS HAVE ALL BEEN GIVEN THEIR RALLY INSTRUCTIONS, AND THE FIRST RACER TO COMPLETE THEIR GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS AND THEN CROSS THE FINISH LINE WINS!
OFFICIATING TODAY IS NONE OTHER THAN THE RACING LEGEND JANET "JAM IT" GODFREY!
RACERS, YOU HAVE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. GOOD LUCK!
ON YOUR MARK... GET SET...
GO!
VEROOOOM!


AND AT THE START, IT'S PENELOPE PITSTOP IN THE LEAD, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY DRUSILLA DESPICABLE.
BUT COMING UP FAST ARE A COUPLE OF GALS TO GO APE OVER, THE GORILLA GIRLS, AND THAT SAUCY SEPTUAGENARIAN, GRANNY-A-GO-GO!
AND NOT TO BE LEFT IN THE DUST ARE LAVENDER LAVERNE AND MOTORCYCLE MAMA!
GOOD LUCK, Y'ALL!
MUTTLEY, I HAVE AN IDEA THAT'S GUARANTEED TO THROW THESE WOMEN OFF COURSE!
YEH, YEH, YEAH!

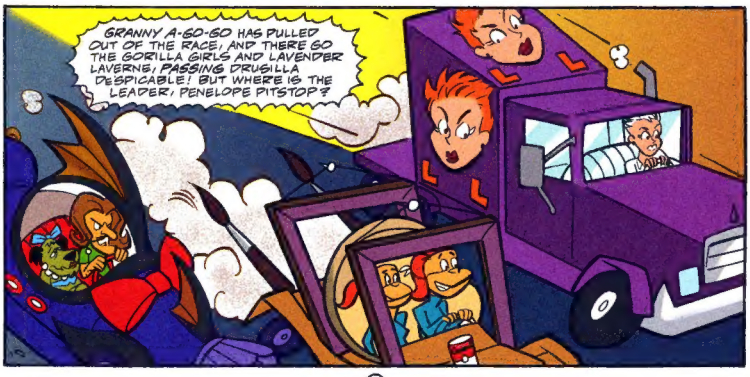
FASTER, MUTTLEY, FASTER! WE'VE GOT TO PUT UP THESE SIGNS BEFORE THE OTHER RACERS GET HERE!
YARD SALE
GARAGE SALE
JVA
KA-CHUNK!
BAM BAM BAM!
YARD SALE! YA-HOO! I LOVE TO GO TO YARD SALES!
I'LL JUST FOLLOW THESE SIGNS!
IT WORKED!
EXCUSE ME, MA'AM, BUT IT IS ILLEGAL TO POST SIGNS AND NOTICES WITHOUT A PERMIT.

I HAVE NEVER FELT MORE HUMILIATED!
HEEK, HEEK, HEE...

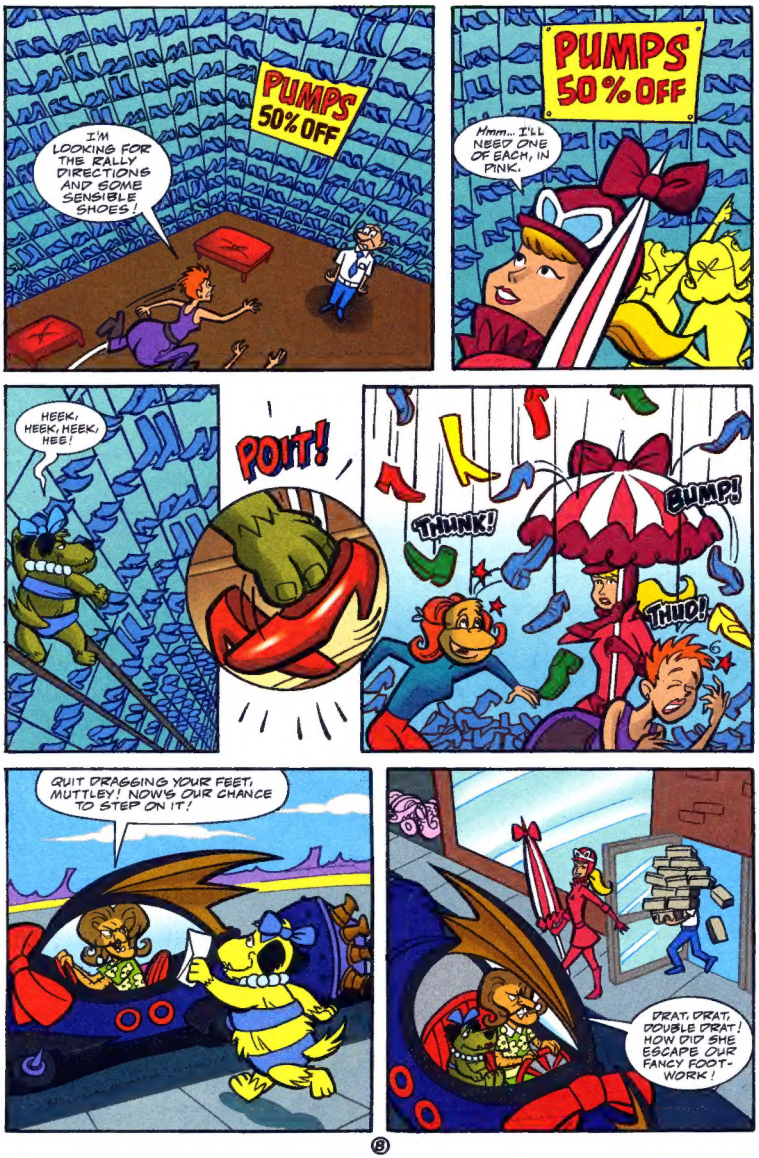

BUT THIS WILL ALL BE WORTH IT WHEN WE CROSS THAT FINISH LINE AND GRAB THE PRIZE!

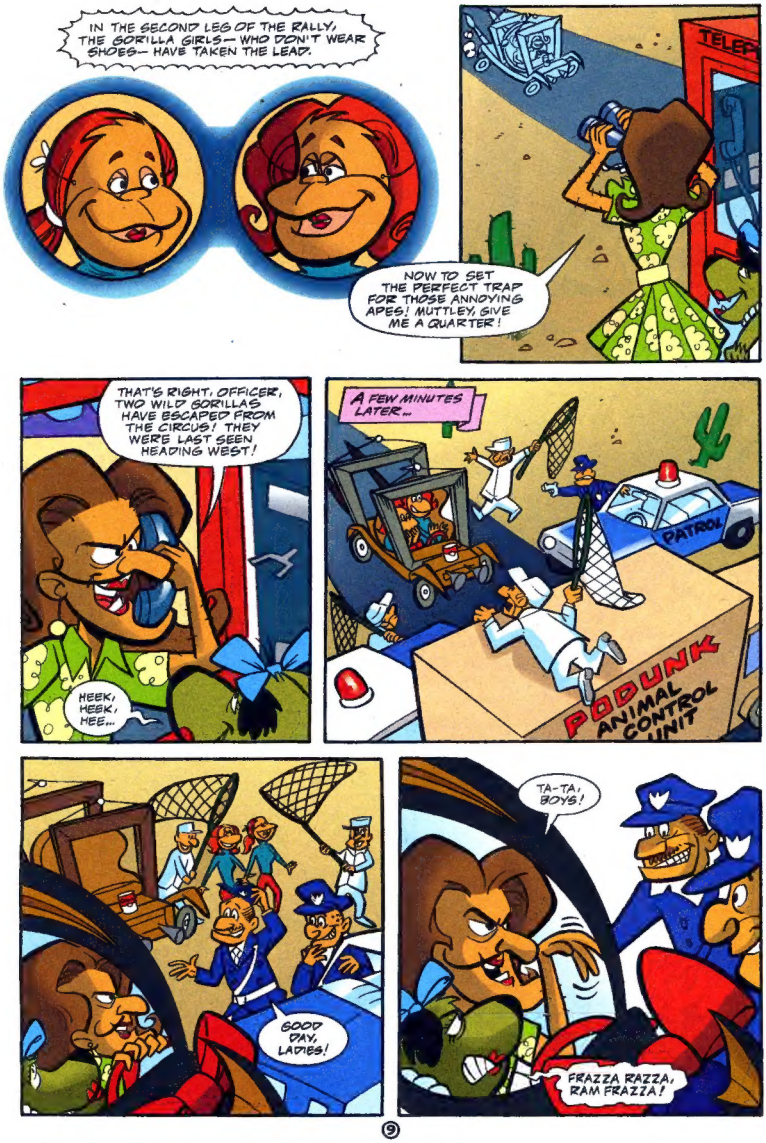

MORNIN', LADIES!

SASSA FRASSA, RASSA RUSSA RIZZA!


GRANNY A-GO-GO HAS PULLED OUT OF THE RACE, AND THERE GO THE GORILLA GIRLS AND LAVENDER LAVERNE, PASSING DRUSILLA DESPICABLE! BUT WHERE IS THE LEADER, PENELOPE PITSTOP?

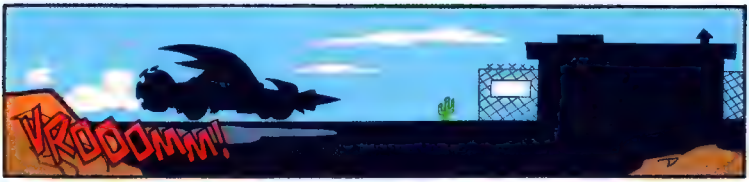
LET'S SEE- THE INSTRUCTIONS SAY, "PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD, AND TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THE FINISH LINE. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AWAIT YOU AT CHI CHI'S SHOES."
SHOE SHOPPING. OH, WHAT A CEE-LITE!
SHOE SHOPPING?! OH, MUTTLEY, HOW IGNOBLE!
CHI CHI'S SHOE CITY
HIGH HEELS! LOW PRICES!
SHOE CITY
VROOOM!
SKREEECH!
STOP SHOVING!
OOOH! SHOES!
LET ME IN!


PUMPS 50% OFF
I'M LOOKING FOR THE RALLY DIRECTIONS AND SOME SENSIBLE SHOES!
PUMPS 50% OFF
Hmm... I'LL NEED ONE OF EACH, IN PINK.
HEEK, HEEK, HEEK, HEE!
POIT!
THUNK!
BUMP!
THUD!
QUIT DRAGGING YOUR FEET, MUTTLEY! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO STEP ON IT!
DRAT, DRAT, DOUBLE DRAT! HOW DID SHE ESCAPE OUR FANCY FOOT-WORK!


IN THE SECOND LEG OF THE RALLY, THE GORILLA GIRLS— WHO DON'T WEAR SHOES— HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD.
NOW TO SET THE PERFECT TRAP FOR THOSE ANNOYING APES! MUTTLEY, GIVE ME A QUARTER!
TELEP
THAT'S RIGHT, OFFICER, TWO WILD GORILLAS HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE CIRCUS! THEY WERE LAST SEEN HEADING WEST!
HEEK, HEEK, HEE...
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
PATROL
PODUNK ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT
GOOD DAY, LADIES!
TA-TA, BOYS!
FRAZZA RAZZA, RAM FRAZZA!

WHAT DOES IT SAY, MUTTLEY? WHAT DOES IT SAY?
HEAD ON OVER TO HARRY'S HOUSE OF HAIR, WHERE YOU'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY TO GET AHEAD.
HARRY'S HOUSE OF HAIR
IT LOOKS LIKE MOTORCYCLE MAMA AND PENELOPE PITSTOP HAVE BEAT DASTARDLY HERE BY A HAIRSBREADTH.
NOW THAT THE DESPICABLE DUO ARE HERE, THINGS MIGHT GET HAIRY!
WELCOME TO MY HOUSE OF HAIR!
Oooh, YOU GIRLS SURE NEED MY MAGIC TOUCH! COME ON IN, AND LET HARRY TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!
A HOT OIL TREATMENT WILL GET RID OF THOSE SPLIT ENDS.
Tsk! A LADY MUST TAKE BETTER CARE OF HER NAILS!
GIRLFRIEND, THAT EXCESS HAIR HAS GOT TO GO!

YEOW!
NO MORE! NO MORE!
C'MON, MUTTLEY! GET IN THE CAR!
HEEK, HEEK, HEEK, HEEK, HEE!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT, YOU POWDERED AND PERFUMED PARISIAN POODLE WANNABE?
LET'S GO, MUTTLEY!
I HAVE A PLAN!


VROOOMM!!

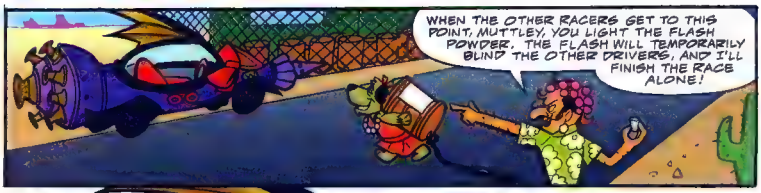
HERE WE ARE!
SKREEE!
PODUNK POWDER CO. —EXPLOSIVES— KEEP OUT!

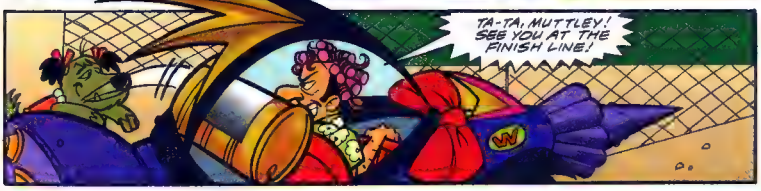
QUICK, MUTTLEY— START DIGGING!
FLASH POWDER

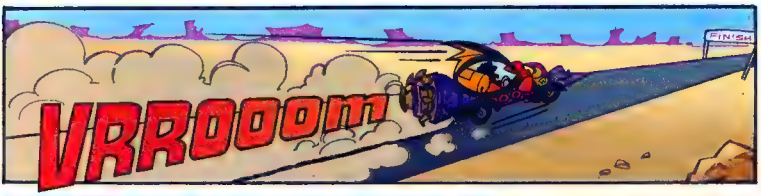
FASTER— FASTER!
FLASH POWDER
RASSA RISSA FRUSS!

NOW GRAB THAT BARREL OF FLASH POWDER AND BRING IT HERE!

IF IT'S POWDER PUFF THEY WANT, IT'S POWDER PUFF THEY'LL GET!
FLASH POWDER


WHEN THE OTHER RACERS GET TO THIS POINT, MUTTLEY, YOU LIGHT THE FLASH POWDER. THE FLASH WILL TEMPORARILY BLIND THE OTHER DRIVERS, AND I'LL FINISH THE RACE ALONE!


TA-TA, MUTTLEY! SEE YOU AT THE FINISH LINE!

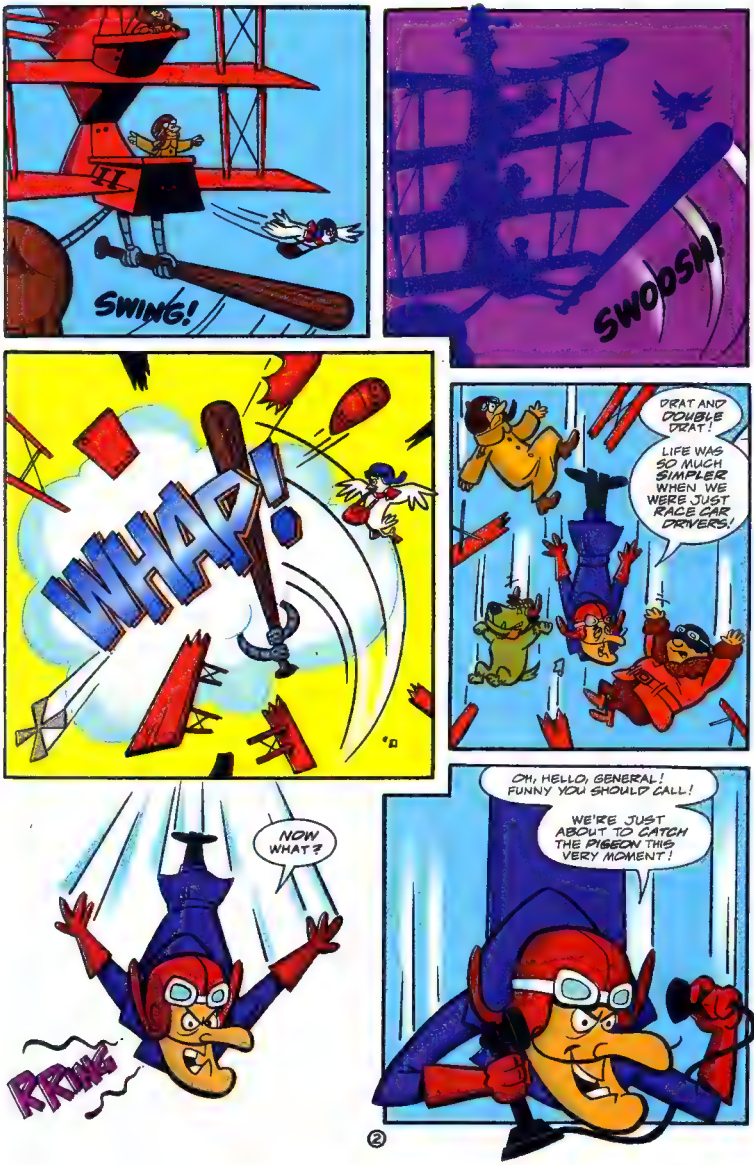

VRROOOOM
FINISH

SNAZZA RAZZA... HEEK HEEK HEE!

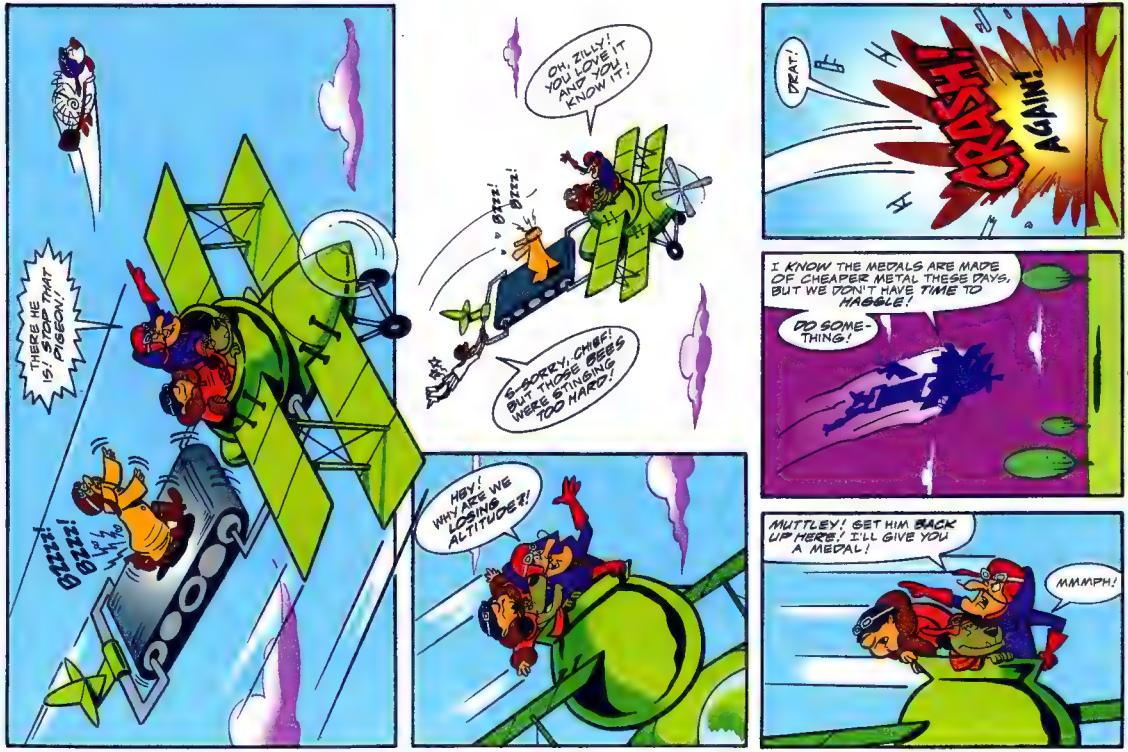
VA ZOOM!
WHOOSH!
333PTT

FINISH
THE LAST TWO RACERS CROSS THE FINISH LINE AS THE WINNER'S TROPHY IS PRESENTED TO -- DRUSILLA DE'SPICABLE!
SKRITCH!
MATCHES
FWOOOSH!
HEEK-HEEK-HEEK-HEEK-HEEK-HEE!
FA-WHOOOOM!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE REAL WINNER OF PODUNK'S POWD'ER PUFF RALLY IS PENELOPE PITSTOP!
I JUST KNEW LITTLE OL' SHE WAS A HE, WHEN SHE PASSED UP THE GORGEOUS PUMPS ON SALE AT THAT SHOE STORE!
1ST PLACE
THE END!

CARTOON NETWORK PRESENTS
DASTARDLY AND MUTTLEY™
IN...
"OUT OF THE BLUE AND INTO THE RED"
ALL RIGHT, MEN! TODAY IS THE DAY WE CATCH THAT PIGEON!
SAM HENDERSON WRITER
BILL ALGER ARTIST
PHIL FELIX LETTERER
DAVE TANGUAY COLORIST
BRONWYN TAGGART EDITOR
TELL ME AGAIN HOW THIS CONTRAPTION WORKS, KLUNK!
VREET-ZING-GIANT BAT-BRRRBT-WHAM-DEAD-TWEEP!
KLUNK SAYS THIS GIANT BASEBALL BAT WILL HIT THE PIGEON, THEN WE FLY AROUND AND THE BIG CATCHER'S MITT GETS HIM!
THERE'S THE PIGEON NOW! AFTER HIM, MUTTLEY!


SWING!
SWOOSH!
WHAP!
DRAT AND DOUBLE DRAT!
LIFE WAS SO MUCH SIMPLER WHEN WE WERE JUST RACE CAR DRIVERS!
NOW WHAT?
KRANG
OH, HELLO, GENERAL! FUNNY YOU SHOULD CALL!
WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO CATCH THE PIGEON THIS VERY MOMENT!

WHAT?! YOU WHAT?
BUT THIS IS OUR LIVELIHOOD! HOW CAN WE CATCH HIM IF YOU KEEP CUTTING OUR BUDGET?!
CRASH!
YES, GENERAL...
LATER...
AS YOU KNOW, MEN: THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IS NOT TOO FOND OF OUR CAUSE, AND AS A RESULT, THE MILITARY HAS CUT BACK ON OUR FUNDING--
HEADQUARTERS
--BUT I KNOW THAT AS THE BEST SQUADRON ON THE FORCE, WE CAN OVERCOME SUCH OBSTACLES AND CARRY ON OUR DUTIES WITH WHAT WE HAVE!
TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST DESIGN, KLUNK!
FWEET-GACK-BZZZ-OMMM!-VURRRT-VRRT!
H-HE SAYS THAT SINCE WE NEED ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUEL, THE PLANE WILL BE POWERED BY A MAN RUNNING ON A TREADMILL. AND TO MAKE THAT MAN RUN FAST ENOUGH, HE WILL HAVE A BEE-HIVE DOWN HIS PANTS.
W-WHY ARE YOU L-LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT S-SIR?


THERE HE IS! STOP THAT PIGEON!
BZZZT!
BZZZT!
OH, ZILLY! YOU LOVE IT AND YOU KNOW IT!
BZZZ!
BZZZ!
S-SORRY, CHIEF! BUT THOSE BEES WERE STINGING TOO HARD!
HEY! WHY ARE WE LOSING ALTITUDE?
DRAT!
CRASH!
AGAIN!
I KNOW THE MEDALS ARE MADE OF CHEAPER METAL THESE DAYS, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO HAGGLE!
DO SOMETHING!
MUTTLEY! GET HIM BACK UP HERE! I'LL GIVE YOU A MEDAL!
MMMPH!

LATER...
THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE! WE HAVE NO MORE MONEY, SO IF WE MESS UP, OUR JOBS ARE OVER!
KLUNK, WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR US?
DING-ZIP-PWEEOO-ZOOM!
OUR NEW SOLAR-POWERED PLANES HAVE CELLS THAT HARNESS THE SUN AND CONVERT THE ENERGY TO POWER OUR FLIGHT!
BUT THERE'S ONE DRAWBACK--
DRAWBACKS, SMAWBACKS! LET'S GET OUT THERE AND DESTROY THAT PIGEON!
WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, WE TAKE OFF!
FWOOM!
AS I WAS SAYING, THERE'S A RISK THAT THE MATERIALS COMPOSING THE BODIES OF OUR PLANES MIGHT BE FLAMMABLE!

WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE UNEMPLOYED, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY YOU'RE ALL WORTHLESS AND I NEVER LIKED ANY OF YOU!
HEADQUARTERS
ACME REPOSSESSING SERVICE
I'M GOING HOME TO MOVE BACK IN WITH MY MOTHER, AND I HOPE I NEVER SEE ANY OF YOU AGAIN.
HEADQUARTERS
EXCUSE ME, SIR!
HOW COME I DIDN'T GET TO WATCH YOU GUYS FLY TODAY?
WE'VE LOST OUR FUNDING!
THAT'S TOO BAD! I'M A GREAT ADMIRER OF WHAT YOU DO! IT STINKS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT MORE SUPPORTIVE OF THESE PROJECTS! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, THOUGH--
--I'M INDEPENDENTLY WEALTHY, AND I GIVE GRANTS TO THOSE WHOSE WORK I ADMIRE. I WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU CONTINUE.
TELL ME MORE!
IF YOU BUILD A FLYING MACHINE THAT I LIKE, I WILL GRANT YOU A SMALL ENDOWMENT OF-OH-A MILLION DOLLARS. HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
WE'LL TAKE IT!
GREAT! I'LL COME BACK WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED AND SEE IF I APPROVE IT!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, MEN! WE'RE BACK IN BUSINESS! GET TO WORK!

THE NEXT DAY...
BOOIIING!
ZEEP! ACK! BIP-BIP BIP-BOOP! PFET!
THIS MODEL HAS THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY! THE RADAR SCREEN CAN LOCATE THE PIGEON DOWN TO THE NEAREST CUBIC INCH!
WONK! WONK!
CLANG!
EEP! OPP! ORK! AH-AH!
THIS SATELLITE CAN READ THE MESSAGE HE'S CARRYING, AND THE LASER CAN ZAP HIM FROM 3000 MILES AWAY!
WEEE! GLUG-GLUG! GLOONK!
AND THERE'RE CUP HOLDERS WHERE WE CAN PUT OUR DRINKS WHILE WE'RE FLYING!
BRILLIANT! AND I'D LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT I HAVE A SPECIAL GIFT FOR MUTTLEY!
?
A SOLID GOLD MEDAL WITH DIAMONDS!
YEAH YEAH YEAH YEAH!
WORLD'S GREATEST DOG!
HERE'S OUR BENEFACTOR NOW!
HELLO.

THIS LOOKS GREAT! WHAT DOES THIS BUTTON DO?
WHEEP! HONK! HONK! BASH!
IT RELEASES ROBOT HANDS WITH CYMBALS TO CRUSH THE PIGEON!
WAIT A MINUTE! I THOUGHT THIS WAS PERFORMANCE ART! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE MAKING WAR MACHINES!
WELL, DUH!
I'M TAKING BACK THE GRANT! GOOD DAY!
OH, GREAT! IT'S THE GENERAL AGAIN!
RRING
HELLO? YES, GENERAL, YOU SAY YOU PLANTED AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE PIGEON MENACE IN THE PAPERS AND GOT OUR FUNDING BACK? UNDER THE CONDITION OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL CHANGES? WHY, NO, SIR! I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT!
AND SO...
GET THE LEAD OUT, PRIVATE DASTARDLY!
BZZZ!
BZZZ!
I'M MOVING AS FAST AS I CAN, CAPTAIN ZILLY, MAJOR KLUNK, AND COLONEL MUTTLEY!
THE END

LETTERS

Hello, everybody—nice seeing you again. What a great crop of letters we got from you this month! There are letters from boys and girls, and letters from kids and adults. Here are just a few:

Brittani Cotton
Kinston, NC

Dear *Cartoon Network Presents*,

I really like Cartoon Network. I like everything except for *Jonny Quest* 1 and 2. It's too boring for a fifth grader. Could you please show a super chunk of cartoons that never made it, but all of them are different?

I have another question: Who drew Huckleberry Hound? How come Yogi has a collar, a tie, and no shirt? Finally, are there going to be any new cartoons?

*I'm with you on the **Jonny Quest** thing, Brittani, but I guess boys must like it. As for your "super chunk" suggestion, we'll pass that along to our pals at the Cartoon Network. Now for your questions: 1) Lots of different artists and animators drew Huckleberry Hound over the years, but next month in DC's **Cartoon Network Presents** comic ol' Huck will be drawn by Ivan Brunetti (one of our favorite artists ever). 2) Yogi doesn't wear a shirt because he's a wild animal. If you watch cartoons, you'll learn that wild animals only wear hats and ties, and sometimes little vests. 3) Finally, yes, YES, **YES!** The Cartoon Network is making lots of great new cartoons, like **Cow and Chicken, Dexter's Laboratory,** and **Johnny Bravo.** Watch for them! (Meanwhile, **we'll** be watching for the adventures of Spin and Quin, two characters designed by Brittani. Her drawing is at the bottom of this page.)*

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Dear *Cartoon Network Presents* Letters,

My favorite cartoon character is Brak because he's so funny and he makes no sense and he's always so hyper! There's only one thing I just can't imagine—Brak being a supervillain!

Gennie Isaacs
Memphis, TN

Dear *Cartoon Network Presents*,

Thanks for making Cartoon Network comics! The issue was *Space Ghost Coast-to-Coast*. But you had Brak in it. I thought Brak was only on Cartoon Planet?

P.S. My favorite character is Brak because he's such an idiot!

*Yes, it's true—Brak rules supreme! Certainly his finer qualities are more appreciated now that he's stopped being a supervillain and become . . . well, okay, an idiot. (There's an old saying that in this world you can be either oh-so-smart or oh-so-pleasant. For years Brak was smart, but now he prefers being pleasant.) Gennie's right—in **cartoons** Brak is only on Cartoon Planet, but in **comics** everybody gets to do different things. For instance, in **comics** Brak can see his own feet. Gennie likes Brak so much, she sent us a drawing of him, and Justin likes Brak so much that he sent us a drawing of Moltar. Thanks!*

*Of course, we look forward to getting a drawing or a letter from YOU. Write to us at **Cartoon Network Presents Letters,** at the address given below.*

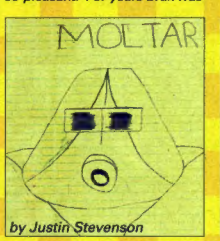
NEXT ISSUE

COMING NEXT MONTH

IN CARTOON NETWORK PRESENTS

It's Kung-Fu month! Blip travels through time to join Magilla, So-So, and Monkey in a team to help Igoo the Rock Ape battle the greatest threat ever against monkeys! Yes, it's *Magilla's Guerrillas*, a monkey-stylin' masterpiece, coming next month.

THIS MONTH'S COVER is by good ol' Bill Alger, with colors by brand-new colorist Dave Tanguay.



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Auto Racing

Racers, start your engines!

Automobile racing is one of the most popular sports in the world. More than **400,000 people** go to see the Indianapolis 500 race every year. That makes it the best-attended sporting event in the United States. Of course, that's just *one* race—there are other Indy car races, Formula One races, Trans-Am races, sports car races, stock car races, and drag races being run all over the country all through the year. That's six different kinds of races—**what's the difference?**

Indy car races feature the same kind of cars that race in the Indianapolis 500. They have just one seat in an open cockpit for the driver. Their wheels are uncovered and kind of stick out at the sides of the car, and they have special panels and "wings" that help direct the flow of air around and underneath the car as it moves. The air flowing over the car presses it down, and the air flowing under the car creates suction; together, these forces help hold the car against the track no matter *how fast* it goes. Most Indy cars run over **200 miles per hour.** Indy races are run on big oval-shaped tracks; the cars go around and around the track until they've covered between 150 to 500 miles.

Formula One, or "Grand Prix," cars look very similar to Indy cars, but Grand Prix races are held on very difficult tracks called **road-racing courses.** These tracks have hills and turns and straight stretches, sort of like old-fashioned country roads. Even if the cars go 200 miles per hour on the straight parts, they have to slow *way* down on the turns. The first driver to go around the track enough times wins.

Trans-Am races are usually about 100 miles long and are run on road-racing courses. The cars look like regular sports cars—Mustangs, Cameros, Porsches, and so on—but they're actually built on special racing frames designed to make the horsepower and weights of the different car models more equal.

Sports car races can feature either regular sports cars like anyone could go out and buy or specially-built "sports-racing cars." Most of these races are held on road-racing courses or on courses that combine road-racing tracks with oval tracks.

Stock car races are run on oval tracks with great big American-made sedans that look just like the passenger cars that dealers have *in stock* for sale to regular people. For racing, the cars are changed a bit to make them heavier, faster, and more powerful, but they still *look* like the normal cars that you see on the street every day. Maybe that's why stock car racing is the most popular kind of auto racing in the United States.

Drag races are run on a straight track 1/4 mile long, called a drag strip. Cars race two at a time, and go from standing still to moving at more than 290 miles an hour in just a few seconds. Lots of different kinds of cars can drag race; some of them are very creative or even funny-looking.

Powder Puff Derbies are races for women drivers only, and were popular in the old days before women were allowed to drive in regular automobile races. Since the 1970s, of course, there have been many very successful women auto racers, including Janet Guthrie who was the first woman to drive in the Indianapolis 500, and Shirley Muldowney, world champion drag racer. And no matter what kind of race they're in, **Penelope Pitstop *always* beats Dastardly and Muttley!**

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